

Gladwin County Board of Commissioners COW Minutes, December 14, 2021

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met for the Committee of the Whole Meeting, on December 14, 2021. Chairperson Karen Moore called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. All commissioners were present.

Public Comment

_ Clerk Hulme shared her opinion on wage increases for the elected officials; as a newly Elected Official she had not asked for a raise but supports others who have been here for many years receiving the proposed increase.

No other comments

City Administrator Report

County Affairs

- 1. Building Department Fee for Buckeye Trailhead conversation was had on waiving the fee, clarification was given that the inspections were not being waived, only the fee.
- 2. Re-appointment of Bob Balzer to EMCOG (Eastern MI Council of Governments) a request from Sue Fortune of EMCOG, regarding Bob Balzer's appointment to the Regional Economic Development Team was discussed.
- 3. Re-appointment of Milton G. Alward (George) to the Construction Codes Board of Appeals Mr. Alwards current appointment expires in 2021, asking for a 2-year re-appointment. Conversation
- 4. Discussion of C.O.W. meetings and 2022 Board Rules conversation was had on the opinions of the board to cancel the Dec 28th meeting due to the Christmas Holiday. Additional conversation on the meeting structure for the COW and Board meetings. Attorney Hoerauf shared some input on Roberts Rules of Order, and guidance given by the Open Meetings Act. She is seeking direction from the Board for 2022 Board Rules.
- 5. Administrator to attend an MMRMA Workshop on 02/24/22 Discussion was had on a three-day workshop given by the MMRMA. The Administrator wishes to attend the second day only, which is when the most information will be given.
- Independent Contractor Agreement with EMCOG Discussion was had on the updated contract
 presented to the Board, as well as information previously shared by Joel Vernier. Emergency
 Management Director Bob North, shared EMCOG's involvement with the current Hazard Mitigation
 process.
- 7. MI Institute of Forensic Science & Medicine Conversation on the approval of a new Chief Medical Examiner due to the former ME being let go. Sheriff Shea shared some information on the process. The MI Institute of Forensic Science is asking for a Resolution to approve the appointment of Roshan Mahabir as Gladwin County's Chief Medical Examiner for the remaining term ending Dec. 31, 2023.

County Facilities and Transportation-

Data

511 Council

Gladwin Parks and Recreation

Insurance

Memorial Restoration

MERS

Public Safety

Personnel

Finance

- 1. ARPA Project Proposal for 12 new Automated External Defibrillator (AEDs) Corrections Sergeant Gruzhit shared that two current AED's have failed and are non-fixable. AEDs are in the police vehicles, in the Jail and in the courthouse. He is asking for the approval of \$15,540 of ARPA funds for this purchase. Sergeant Gruzit shared cost saving and warranty information with the Board and conversation was had about the "Infrastructure" qualification for ARPA funding.
- 2. Invoice from the City off Gladwin Conversation was had on the cost of the tree removal that took place earlier this year at the airport, and the counties portion due the City.
- 3. 70-hour Payout to Stacey Demoines for Unused Vacation Time discussion on the pay-out was had per union contract.
- 4. Purchase of Six Stop Sticks Undersheriff Hartwell shared that the original sets were purchased years ago. There are currently patrol vehicles without them; this purchase would re-stock all vehicles.
- 5. Purchase of three tasers, training cartridges and batteries Undersheriff Hartwell shared the cost savings for the County if the purchase is made before the end of the year. Additional conversation on grant availability through MMRMA was had.

Report from Civil Attorney -

- 1. Vehicle Use Policy has been edited.
- 2. Opioid Settlement monies will be being disbursed. The value of these funds is still unknown, but Attorney Hoerauf is requesting the Boards approval for the chair to sign the settlement documents when the details are finalized.
- 3. Union Negotiation updates were given. Closed session is an option if desired, but not needed at this time.
- 4. Four Lakes Task Force (FLTF) has two properties, one on Secord and one on Smallwood, that they would like to relinquish to the County. They are seeking a resolution from the board to accept a Quit Claim Deed / Warranty Deed accepting the properties. Additionally, there are some salvage materials on these properties, that will be salvaged and reflected as Salvage Income for the FLTF.

No additional discussion.

Meeting closed at 10:03 a.m.

Karrie Hulme, County Clerk

Karen Moore, Chairperson